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Title : Need to provide title deeds to farmers to facilitate land transaction in Idukki district, Kerala.

SHRI P.T. THOMAS (IDUKKI): Sir, the farmers in Idukki district are facing a grave situation today due to land-related issues. It is very necessary to do the land survey and revenue settlement to demarcate the forest land and agriculture land. On the basis of the Land Assignment Act of 1964, title deed should be granted to all those farmers who were possessing land before 1st January, 1977. The land that should be definitely preserved, such as fragile land and ecologically sensitive area should be pre-informed to farmers. The farmers are now struggling to do land transactions because title deeds are holding at village offices. The financial institutions are acquiring agriculture land which is a violation under the SARFAESI Act.

I would, therefore, urge the immediate intervention of the Central Government in the matter.